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Dear Sir:

Here are some of the reasons there are sometimes gaps between interviews. Well on the first two days, April 1st and 2nd, I was just getting used to the ways they run things around here and what processing the men go through and how long it takes them. Now on the longer gaps is when the men are being given instructions, selected, and being contracted. Also sometimes they are at lunch. Another thing is for the first two days I had to explain, to almost everybody who works here, what kind of a project I am on. Now on April 3rd the gap between 1:30 and 3:00 is when I was being given some pointers and lessons on how to conduct an interview by the fellow I mentioned in my last letter.

Now we get down to my so called undercover work. I have been getting my information by just keeping my ears open when I ride to work with the guards and during our lunch sessions. I definitely do not go sneaking around asking questions. I have been keeping notes on this information because I just thought it would interest you, not that I want to act like a compliance man or an investigator.

As for the braceros telling me their grievances, they do so because they want to. When I explain this program to them and how in later

years it might help to better the Bracero Program, they sometimes just start telling me their troubles and how they are abused in the labor camps (not the reception Center). I definitely never "pump" a bracero. I have also been keeping notes on this because I thought it might interest you.

On the 7th of April we had quite a bit of rain and we only got 60 braceros. I did not get a chance to get over 5 interviews because they were processed and sent out very quickly. The same goes with the returnees to Mexico. I will try to make this up either on Saturday or Sunday.

Give my regards to the family

Yours truly
Jamie M Tagaban

P.S.

How do you like the clippings I have been sending you?